

HONORING THE LIFE AND CONTRIBUTION OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL MURPHY

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a fallen hero from my district who gave his life for our Nation. Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy, a U.S. Navy SEAL, age 29, was killed in action last week when he and three other SEALs were ambushed by terrorists during a reconnaissance mission in Afghanistan.

Lieutenant Murphy was from Patchogue, a town on Long Island which will never forget the ultimate sacrifice of one of its favorite sons. A common thread ran through Lieutenant Murphy's life, his selfless and steadfast dedication to others.

Growing up as a life guard, he watched out for local residents in the town of Brookhaven. After he graduated from Penn State, he chose his country first. He turned down acceptance to two law schools to pursue his dream of defending this country as a highly trained member of the special forces.

But Lieutenant Murphy's dedication would not have stopped there. He planned on joining the FBI's counterterrorist unit after he left the Navy. Lieutenant Murphy died doing what he loved, as he once described military service to his father.

It is fitting that he be awarded the Silver Star posthumously for his valor and sacrifice. Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers remain with Lieutenant Murphy's family and his fiancée. We owe him a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid.

LACK OF SUPPORT FOR CAFTA

(Mr. BROWN of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the Central American Free Trade Agreement will likely be brought up for a vote this month. The opposition to CAFTA is broad and deep. Dozens of Republicans and Democrats in this body oppose the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

Small manufacturers and organized labor oppose the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Family farmers and small ranchers and environmentalists oppose the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

Catholic bishops in Central America, in fact the cardinal from Central America is visiting this Chamber, this House this week, and Lutheran and Presbyterian and Jewish leaders in the United States are opposing the Central American Free Trade Agreement.

The reason there is this broad and deep opposition is because the Central American Free Trade Agreement was negotiated by a select few for a select few. We do not oppose trade; we sup-

port fair trade. Renegotiate the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Defeat this CAFTA. Bring forward a CAFTA that can get the broad support of farmers and ranchers and businesses and labor.

FREEDOM OF WORSHIP

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it was my great pleasure to attend services earlier this month at Arlington First Baptist Church in Jonesville, North Carolina, at the invitation of Pastor Jerry Fugate and my dear friends Ray and Betty Shore.

Area elected officials were invited to worship that day and to celebrate our country's independence. On the front of the bulletin was Romans 13:4: "For government is God's servant for good."

On the back of the bulletin was this message: "The first part of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says, 'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.' Yet today we see a constant barrage of individuals and organizations who prattle on and on about the separation of church and State, a concept nowhere to be found in the Constitution or its amendments."

I thank Pastor Fugate for the focus on the first amendment of the Constitution. I urge other churches to do all they can to help our citizens know what our Constitution says so they can be protected by it and help preserve it.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2567

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as cosponsor of H.R. 2567.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon.) Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE COST OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ON THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the issue of illegal immigration that is perhaps the most important concern to my Texas constituents.

I want to address just one matter, the cost. Government and academic es-

timates indicate there are 9 to 11 million illegal people living in the United States. Immigration officials estimate that the illegal population grows by as many as 500,000 a year; some say 4,000 a day cross into Texas from their southern border.

Someone pays for this illegal activity, and that somebody is the American public, not the illegal immigrants. There is a tremendous strain on local and State communities because of unrestricted illegal immigration throughout Texas and the entire United States.

While it is the Federal Government's responsibility to control immigration, it is the people of the States and local communities that pay the cost. They are the victims of illegal immigration. Those Americans spend millions of tax dollars on education, health care, and criminal justice for those that are here illegally.

Donald Huddle, a Rice University economics professor, has done a study that estimated the cost that we pay for illegals in this country. This chart here shows that the American public pays approximately \$32 billion a year for the cost of illegal immigrants, such as public education. It is about \$5 billion Americans pay.

Social security, \$3 billion. Medicaid, \$3 billion. Total cost to American taxpayers, about \$32 billion a year we pay the cost of illegal immigration. When this study was done, the population of illegals in the United States was about 5 million. Now the population has doubled, and the costs have more than doubled.

Besides these stunning costs, Americans have to pay for their own health care and their own education of their own kids. Many Americans cannot afford these costs for their own families, but they are made to pay the same costs for illegals.

Mr. Speaker, education, public safety and basic health care are the roles provided primarily by our States and local communities. U.S. taxpayer dollars on the local level are used to pay for these services. Yet these communities are continuing to absorb more and more demand for these services while the resources to provide them cannot keep up.

I would like to specifically point out some of the costs that citizens must provide: one, health care. Emergency rooms, the most expensive health care system, are used by illegal immigrants because of the compassion of Americans. We do not turn people down at these hospitals. If the immigrants do not pay, Americans pay.

Some trauma centers in urban areas have closed because they cannot absorb the costs to pay. People are in the system who do not contribute to it financially.

In Michigan, 23 criminal cases were filed alleging that pregnant women from Syria, Lebanon and Yemen flew into the United States, falsified information on Medicaid forms to cover those costs of delivering their babies,